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I have attached a detailed proposal of new wards for Nottingham (seven of which are unchanged from existing boundaries). It is important in particular that both Clifton wards contain only areas south of the River Trent, and that major roads (marked in green on this map) generally serve as key boundaries for new and existing wards.

**Uploaded Documents:**

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## Background Information:

**New Pattern for Nottingham City Council wards. Info is true as of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017, when the consultation began, and is based on December 2016 figures.**

**Current Electorate of Nottingham: 204,355.**

**Forecast Electorate of Nottingham: 211,252.**

**Number of Councillors: 55**

**Average Electors per Councillor: 3,716 (3.841 forecast).**

**Permissible Electoral Range per Councillor: 3,345 to 4,087 (forecast: 3,457 to 4,225) based on variances of no more than  $\pm 10\%$ . No ward should be larger than 12,375 electors in size nor less than 3,457 electors in size thus (forecast electorates).**

## My Recommendations:

The following seven wards, all electing three councillors each, respect community identities and are not forecast to have an electorate that is either more than 10% lower or more than 10% higher than the average in the City of Nottingham, and therefore these wards should remain unchanged from their current boundaries: Basford, Bestwood, Bulwell, Bulwell Forest, Dales, Mapperley and Sherwood.

Within south Nottingham in particular, substantial re-warding is required to ensure that community identities can be respected and/or restored and to ensure reasonable electoral equality. I have noticed that Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey and Dunkirk & Lenton are currently much too small to give fair representation, and that Bridge ward is much too large. It is forecast that there will be a considerable growth in the electorate of the central

and west-central parts of Nottingham in particular, and thus new wards, or significant alterations to existing wards, are required there.

I propose for the City of Nottingham a pattern of 13 wards each electing 3 councillors, and 8 wards each electing 2 councillors, which means Nottingham City Council can still be represented by 55 councillors within such a new warding arrangement, and that existing community ties can be maintained and ties which are currently broken by the existing warding pattern can be restored to a considerable extent.

The new wards I propose are as follows:

**Aspley (2 councillors):** This is based on polling districts ASPD and ASPE in Aspley, the part of the ASPA polling district east of Bells Lane, and the part of the LEEC polling district west of Western Boulevard. These roads provide clear boundaries for the redrawn Aspley ward.

**Beechdale (2 councillors):** This comprises the community of Beechdale, which is south of Aspley Lane and north and east of Beechdale Road/Wigman Road. These roads provide effective boundaries for Beechdale.

**Berridge (2 councillors):** This contains polling districts BERA, BERB, BERC, and BERD of the current Berridge ward, and is therefore defined as the area approximating to Berridge. This ward is bounded by Duke Street and Gladstone Street in the south, Sherwood Rise in the south west, Valley Road to the north, and Hucknall Road in the east.

**Bilborough (2 councillors):** This comprises the community of Bilborough, which is north of Wollaton Road, south of Strelley Road, and south and west of Beechdale Road/Wigman Road.

**Bridge (2 councillors):** This comprises polling districts BR1A, BR1C, BR1D and BR1E of the existing Bridge ward, all of which are south of the railway line leading to Nottingham Railway Station and also Nottingham Canal, and north of the River Trent, which provides a clear boundary for this ward.

**Broxtowe (2 councillors):** This comprises the part of Strelley that is in the City of Nottingham, and therefore north of Strelley Road, and the Broxtowe Estate in the north of the City of Nottingham. This comprises polling districts B1A and B1B of the current Bilborough ward, ASPB and ASPC of the existing Aspley ward, and the part of the ASPA polling district west of Bells Lane. This area is therefore bounded by Strelley Road, Broxtowe Lane, and Bells Lane to the south and east.

**Central (3 councillors):** This comprises the city centre of Nottingham and contains the Lace Market, Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Arboretum, Nottingham High School, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham Arena, and the Old Market Square among other key amenities and landmarks of Nottingham. It is bounded by Huntingdon Street to the east, Forest Road East to the north, Lenton Avenue and Derby Road to the west, and the railway line leading to Nottingham Railway Station to the south. It comprises existing polling districts ANNA of St Ann's, ARBC and ARBD of Arboretum, BR1B of Bridge, and RPAF of Radford & Park.

**Clifton North West (3 councillors):** This contains all of the existing Clifton North ward and also polling districts CLSA and CLSD of the existing Clifton South ward, which both contain an area north of Green Lane and west of Barton Lane. Both of these roads create a clear boundary for this proposed ward, which is essentially the north and west parts of Clifton.

**Clifton South East (2 councillors):** This contains polling districts CLSB, CLSC, CLSE, CLSF, and CLSG of the existing Clifton South ward, and contains an area east of Barton Lane and also south of Green Lane. This ward therefore contains the south and east parts of Clifton.

**Dunkirk & Lenton Abbey (2 councillors):** This comprises Dunkirk and Lenton Abbey in the southwest of Nottingham, both of which are north of the River Trent and south of Derby Road. This area prominently includes the University of Nottingham. The existing polling districts that fall within this proposed ward are WLAC, WLAD, and WLAE of the current Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey ward, comprising the Lenton Abbey area, DUNB and DUNC comprising the Dunkirk area, and the part of DUNA polling district west of Lenton Boulevard.

**Hyson Green (3 councillors):** This comprises the neighbourhood of Hyson Green. This includes polling districts ARBA and ARBB from the current Arboretum ward, polling districts BERE, BERF, and BERG from the current Berridge ward, and an area within the LEEC polling district east of Western Boulevard. Its southern boundary is Forest East Road, its northern boundaries are Duke Street and Gladstone Street, and its eastern boundary is Sherwood Rise.

**Radford (3 councillors):** This comprises the communities of Radford and New Lenton. It includes all of the existing Radford & Park ward except for polling district RPAF which should be moved into the new proposed Central Ward, polling district WLAB and LEEE of the current Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey and Leen Valley wards both of which are east of Wollaton Road, and the part of the DUNA polling district that is east of Lenton Boulevard and south of Derby Road. It is bounded by Derby Road to the south, the tram line to the west and railway

line in the north of polling district LEEE, Lenton Avenue in the east, and Alferton Road in the north.

**St Ann's (3 councillors):** This comprises all of the existing St Ann's ward except for the part west of Huntingdon Street (contained in polling district ANNA), which should be moved into the Central Ward and which is not an integral part of the St Ann's community.

**Wollaton (3 councillors):** This comprises the community of Wollaton, which is bounded by Wollaton Road to the north, Western Boulevard to the east, and Derby Road to the south. It is based on the current Wollaton West ward and also incorporates polling district WLAA which is west of Western Boulevard and therefore part of Wollaton itself.

My proposed new warding arrangement for the City of Nottingham, to take effect from the 2019 Nottingham City Council elections as follows, reads as below:

New ward	Number of councillors
Aspley	2
Basford	3
Beechdale	2
Berridge	2
Bestwood	3
Bilborough	2
Bridge	2
Broxtowe	2
Bulwell	3
Bulwell Forest	3
Central	3
Clifton North West	3
Clifton South East	2
Dales	3
Dunkirk & Lenton Abbey	2

Hyson Green	3
Mapperley	3
Radford	3
Sherwood	3
St Ann's	3
Wollaton	3

I believe this new warding arrangement will serve the City of Nottingham well and retain and/or restore community ties within the City of Nottingham, and therefore it should be adopted for the 2019 Nottingham City Council elections.